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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *December 16, Department of Energy* — EIA sees lower natural gas use and higher natural gas prices. The Annual Energy Outlook 2004, released on Tuesday, December 16, by the Energy Information Administration (EIA), forecasts lower natural gas demand and higher natural gas prices than last year's long-run projections as EIA reevaluated

expectations about the future role of natural gas in energy markets, the economics of natural gas exploration and development, and future natural gas price trends. Total natural gas supply is projected to grow to 31.3 trillion cubic feet in 2025. Domestic natural gas production is projected to increase from 19.1 to 24.1 trillion cubic feet between 2002 and 2025. Future growth in U.S. natural gas supplies will depend on unconventional domestic production, natural gas from Alaska, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports. Average natural gas prices are projected to increase from \$2.95 per thousand cubic feet in 2002 to \$4.40 per thousand cubic feet in 2025. The changes lead to a revised expectation about the fuel mix of future electric generating capacity additions and generation. Coal is now projected to play a more important role, particularly in the later years of the forecast.

Source: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/neic/press/press227.html>

2. *December 15, Reuters* — **Utility says Minnesota–Wisconsin grid project approved. Utility Minnesota Power Co. said Wisconsin utility regulators on Monday, December 15, approved a new \$420 million transmission line linking Minnesota and Wisconsin to open one of the most clogged grid paths in the Midwest.** The Wisconsin Public Service Commission, which initially authorized the project in 2001, approved the Arrowhead–Weston line after cost estimates were revised. The commission still must issue a final written order. **The 345–kilovolt line, expected to be in service in about 2008, will run 220 miles from Duluth, MN, to Wausau, WI, and will be constructed, owned and operated by the American Transmission Co.** The line will link power substations operated by Minnesota Power and Wisconsin Public Service. The transmission corridor is one of the most congested power paths in the Eastern Interconnection, a grid system that extends from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast, said a spokesperson for Minnesota Power.

Source: http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_reuters.htm?SMDOCID=reuters_pma_2003_12_15_eng-reuters_pma_UTILIT Y-SAYS-MINN-WIS-GRID-PROJECT-APPROVED&SMContentSet=0

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Chemical Sector

3. *December 16, The Opelousas Daily World* — **Spill continues to close half–mile stretch of Louisiana highway.** A half–mile stretch of Louisiana's state road Route 13 between Mamou and Eunice remained closed Monday due to a hazardous chemical spill at the Williams Transco Pipeline Station No. 50. **While no evacuations have been ordered, Williams' Public Relations Manager Chris Stockton said state police did not allow at least two families who live in nearby mobile homes to return Sunday night.** In the meantime, state police recommend people needing to travel the route take La. 29 just north of Eunice to the Chataignier area, where they can take Route 95 into Mamou. Police estimate the section of Route 13 will remain closed at least until this afternoon. Stockton said a spill of an estimated 490 barrels of natural gas condensate, a mixture of liquid hydrocarbons, occurred about 9:30 a.m. Sunday. **Now that the condensate has been removed, Stockton said Williams' personnel are working closely with the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to assess the problem.** "We are waiting on the DEQ to take some tests. Hopefully that will happen soon," Stockton said.

Source: <http://www.dailyworld.com/html/AB3CD890–805A–4148–AF27–E7365>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *December 16, Federal Computer Week* — Report notes lack of data standards for military tests. The Department of Defense's (DoD) policies for collecting and analyzing data from its major ranges and test facility bases is too varied and the facilities produce data results that aren't comparable with one another, leading to inefficiencies, the department's inspector general said early last week. Thomas Christie, director of operational test and evaluation, requested that DoD's inspector general look into the facilities' reporting standards. The resulting report, issued December 8, states that the Defense secretary's office "did not have comparable data on the funding levels needed to reduce the backlog of test assets and infrastructure and support test missions." Military testing facilities include 19 test and evaluation ranges. The audit's objectives were to determine the amount of money tied up in backlog on maintenance, modernization and repair of the various infrastructure at the test ranges. The report states that some of the facilities lack sufficient infrastructure to collect and analyze data on weapon systems performance, operational effectiveness, suitability and survivability. The inspector general recommended that the department's chief financial officer develop a single financial management and accounting system for the ranges. Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/1215/web-dodtest-12-16-03.asp>

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *December 15, Reuters* — Finance sector bracing for upswing in Internet fraud. Banking officials and computer security experts predicted at a summit on Monday, December 15, that the wave of cyberscams targeting the financial services sector will soar in 2004 as the industry braces for a new onslaught of fraud schemes. The gloomy prediction comes amid a string of e-mail and Website spoofing scams preying on banking customers. Police call the relatively new phenomenon "phishing," so named because fraudsters try to lure unwitting customers into divulging their bank details. In the past few months, a rash of e-mails posing as correspondence from some of the world's biggest banks have flowed into various e-mail in-boxes. The scams have been reported in the UK, the U.S., and Australia, to name a few. Police blame the crime wave on organized crime syndicates based in Eastern Europe and other regions where law enforcement is ill-equipped to investigate the cases. Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/cybercrime/story/0,10801,88227,00.html>
6. *December 15, Technology Daily* — Technology can help identify terrorism financing. Federal officials in Miami, FL, on Monday, December 15, detailed efforts to stop the illegal financing of terrorist networks and urged the use of technology in the process. "Just as criminals benefit from the enhancements in technology, so must the anti-terrorist financing community," said Lee Jeffrey Ross, a senior adviser at the

Department of Treasury's executive office for terrorist financing and financing crimes. **Ross said the use of technology must include the ability to gather and synthesize all available information "to proactively identify possible instances of the raising, movement and use of illicit funds."** More than ever before, he added, the government requires financial institutions to produce data and information. He named several initiatives, such as the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), which is developing technology to let financial institutions report suspicious transactions more easily and quickly. FinCEN is developing a system called BSA Direct to manage a database for the Bank Secrecy Act. The goal is to provide users with Web-based, secure access that allows for faster and easier searching. In addition, Treasury continues work to assist financial institutions to develop software to better identify potential terrorist-financing activities, Ross said.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1203/121503tdpm1.htm>

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Transportation Sector

7. *December 16, Associated Press* — **Six indicted in MTA thefts. Six people, including one current and two former employees of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and a plumber, surrendered Tuesday after they were indicted on charges of draining millions of dollars from the agency.** The 116-count indictment alleges that three of the six, owners of a plumbing company — and the company itself — carried out the thefts with the MTA employees' help by inflating invoices, labor and materials overcharges, and forged business records. **These schemes caused the MTA to pay Figliolia Plumbing Co. of Brooklyn more than \$18 million since 1994 for plumbing and renovation work at numerous MTA buildings, Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said at a news conference.** Morgenthau said the money was spent largely on personal luxuries. Arrayed on a table in front of him was \$800,000 worth of jewelry — gold and diamond necklaces and rings, pearl chokers, jewel-encrusted watches, gold stickpins, earrings and brooches. The defendants who own the plumbing company are Alex Figliolia Sr., his wife Janet Figliolia, and their son Alex Figliolia Jr., Morgenthau said. He said the MTA defendants are Howard Weissman, former director of facility operations who earned \$124,000 a year; Ronald Allan, the former \$77,000-a-year facilities manager; and Gary Weissbard, the \$71,000-a-year building manager.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/newyork/nyc-indict1217.0.3787410.story?coll=ny-top-headlines>

8. *December 16, CNN* — **The train can ease holiday airport woes.** With crowds, tight parking, hot tempers and new security measures, the airport is not always a fun place to be during the holidays. **This week, the long awaited, frequently postponed, AirTrain-JFK makes its debut at New York's Kennedy Airport. The AirTrain connects the airport's eight passenger terminals with the New York City subway system and the Long Island Railroad.** The fare is \$5 for the 45-minute ride into town (versus the \$40 cab fare). The downside is that the journey is not seamless. Passengers have to take AirTrain from their terminals to the Jamaica or Howard Beach train station, get off, and then haul their bags onto the subway or the train for the trip to the city. If they are loaded down with lots of luggage, the AirTrain might not be the best idea. But it's a fantastic way to avoid bad traffic between the

Kennedy and Manhattan during foul weather, or at rush hour.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TRAVEL/ADVISOR/12/16/hln.adviser.tra.ins/>

9. *December 16, U.S. Newswire* — **TSA awards \$7.8M in first-round grants to eight airports.** David M. Stone, acting administrator for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), today announced that eight airports have been awarded \$7.8 million in grants for Airport Terminal Security Enhancements. **The airports are T.F Green State Airport, RI; Newark International Airport; Helena Regional Airport, MT; Boston Logan International Airport; Pittsburgh International Airport; Chicago Midway Airport; Denver International Airport; and Key West International Airport, FL.** TSA anticipates awarding additional grants in the next few weeks for a total of \$17 million. "These grants are designed for airports to work with industry to deploy the newest, most advanced technology commercially available to enhance security to stay one step ahead of those who wish to do us harm," Stone said. "These programs will deploy various technologies, including state-of-the-art video surveillance for detection of intruders to the deployment of physical gates to prevent a 'rogue' passenger from entering the gate area and perhaps getting on an aircraft," he said.
Source: <http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=126-12162003>

10. *December 15, Department of Transportation* — **Transportation Department enhances community protection with final rule for natural gas pipelines.** Increasing public confidence in the safety of the nation's natural gas pipelines is the focus of new federal regulations released today by the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). **"It is essential that we protect the public by ensuring that our nation's pipeline transportation system meets the highest safety standards," said RSPA Deputy Administrator Samuel G. Bonasso. "These rules will improve public safety through better oversight and management of the pipeline system."** The final rule, entitled **"Pipeline Integrity Management for Gas Pipelines in High Consequence Areas,"** requires operators of natural gas transmission pipelines to assess and evaluate the integrity of their pipelines in areas where a failure would have the highest impact on the public or property. Operators must repair pipeline defects discovered during an assessment and take additional measures to protect these high-consequence areas.
Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/rspa1903.htm>

11. *December 15, Government Computer News* — **Money not available to secure the nation's ports, GAO says.** Funding problems are shortchanging security programs at the nation's maritime ports, the General Accounting Office (GAO) has told lawmakers. "Effective maritime security requires the ability to put preventive systems, controls and infrastructure in place," GAO said Friday in a letter to Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-SC. The Homeland Security Department cannot adequately fund port security programs at the federal level, GAO said. **Meanwhile, state and local governments are facing huge budget deficits, and many companies are operating on narrow profit margins, the audit agency noted.** Hollings, ranking minority member of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, requested the information in the wake of a September hearing on transportation security. **Not only is the technology expensive for vessels, about \$10,000 per ship, but it requires an extensive shore-based infrastructure, GAO said.** See GAO-04-315R: Posthearing Questions Related to Aviation and Port Security, <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04315.pdf>
Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24459-1.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

12. *December 16, United Press International* — **FDA wants help from UPS, others. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) wants major package carriers to help it stop importation of prescription drugs.** The FDA said the goal would be better interdiction of controlled substances like street drugs and counterfeit medicines that pose a health risk, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday. It also hopes to get voluntary help in cracking down on commercial operations that import large amounts of prescription drugs, a practice the FDA said is nearly always illegal. **The FDA has contacted a trade association representing package carriers, seeking to set up meetings. Agency officials plan to call individual package carriers by the end of the year.** Among companies being contacted are FedEx and United Parcel Service.

Source: <http://washingtontimes.com/upi-breaking/20031216-085003-2487 r.htm>

13. *December 16, Indianapolis Star* — **Shippers cope with year's busiest week.** Monday was the busiest day of the year for the U.S. Postal Service and FedEx, while United Parcel Service (UPS) expects its busiest day on Thursday. **The postal service said it delivered 870 million cards, letters, and packages on Monday. Normally, the nation's letter carriers deliver 670 million pieces of mail.** At the big express shippers, UPS and FedEx, volumes peaked at more than seven million packages for FedEx on Monday and are expected to exceed 20 million globally for UPS on Thursday. "That's 230 packages a second," said UPS spokesman Steve Holmes. FedEx normally delivers 5.3 million packages a day and UPS 13.5 million.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/articles/7/102629-8447-031.html>

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Agriculture Sector

14. *December 16, AgProfessional.com* — **Survey shows stable antibiotic use in animals. New data from a survey of animal health companies show that the volume of antibiotics used in animals in the U.S. was virtually unchanged in 2002 compared to 2001, after two consecutive years of declines.** In 2002, 22 million pounds of antibiotics were sold for use in both farm and companion animals. While that is a slight increase in the 21.8 million pounds reported in 2001, the Animal Health Institute's (AHI) membership base for the survey was larger in 2001. When factoring out the different membership base, use in 2002 would have declined slightly from 2001. The data were collected from a survey of members of the AHI, consisting of companies that make medicines for pets and farm animals.

Source: http://www.agprofessional.com/show_story.php?id=22682

15. *December 16, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **Deer tests positive for CWD. A deer killed in Columbia County, WI, is the first to test positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the county.** According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the animal was killed October 30 and then taken for testing by the hunter that killed it. DNR wildlife biologist Pat

Kaiser said most of the 239 deer that have tested positive for the disease in Wisconsin did not look outwardly unusual. More than 400 deer heads have been collected from Columbia County for CWD testing this season, Kaiser said. CWD creates sponge-like holes in a deer's brain, eventually causing the animal to die. Scientists believe it is spread by animal-to-animal contact. There is no scientific evidence it can infect humans, but people are advised not to eat an infected deer.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=1494 &yr=2003>

16. *December 16, Associated Press* — **South Korea culls birds in effort to contain flu. A highly contagious bird flu, strains of which are deadly to humans, has killed thousands of chickens and ducks in central South Korea, an agriculture official said Tuesday.** The authorities have culled thousands more in an effort to contain the disease. Tests found that the bird flu was caused by the H5N1 virus. But the authorities are still investigating whether it is the deadly H5N1-97 strain that crossed from chickens to humans in Hong Kong in 1997, killing six people, a Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry official said. **South Korea began its investigation after 20,000 chickens died at a farm in the town of Umsung, about 40 miles southeast of Seoul, earlier this month.** Since then, the Agriculture Ministry has culled 5,000 other chickens at the farm as a precaution. On Tuesday, ducks at a farm near Umsung also tested positive for the bird flu, and the authorities ordered 3,300 of the ducks to be killed and buried.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/121690.htm>

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Food Sector

17. *December 15, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — **Ground beef recalled. Sun Coast Beef & Provision Inc., a Palmetto, FL, establishment, is voluntarily recalling approximately 5,620 pounds of fresh ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7,** the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Monday. The ground beef was produced on various days between November 24 and December 9, 2003, and was distributed to restaurants in Florida. The problem was discovered through FSIS microbiological testing. E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacteria that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of this product.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/recalls/prelease/pr064-2003.htm>

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

18. *December 16, CNN* — **Officials buy more doses of flu vaccine. The Department of Health and Human Services announced Monday it has bought an extra 375,000 doses of flu vaccine to supplement scarce supplies** "With this purchase, HHS has acquired remaining stock from both of the manufacturers who produced injectable vaccine for the United States this year," Secretary Tommy Thompson said. The doses of flu vaccine were purchased from Chiron, said Curtis Allen, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **The doses will be added to the 250,000 doses Thompson announced last week that HHS bought from Aventis–Pasteur, the nation's other manufacturer of injectable flu vaccine.** Asked about the Chiron product, CDC Director Julie Gerberding told reporters then that it was licensed in Britain and would require sterility testing, "and a series of other regulatory issues" before it could be used in the United States. Those issues mean that the Chiron vaccine, which is in bulk form and will have to be broken into individual doses before being released, will not be available until January, said HHS spokesman Bill Pierce. **In addition, HHS announced that it has negotiated a \$20–per–dose price for up to three million doses of FluMist, an inhalable form of flu vaccine that is approved only for healthy people ages 5 to 49.**
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/HEALTH/12/16/sprj.flu03.vaccine/>

19. *December 16, American Chemical Society* — **Tiny nanowire could be diagnostic tool for doctors. A nanowire sensor, 1,000 times more sensitive than conventional DNA tests, capable of producing results in minutes rather than days or weeks could pave the way for faster, more accurate medical diagnostic tests for countless conditions, Harvard scientists say.** One of a growing number of promising diagnostic tools that are based on nanotechnology, the silicon sensor represents the first example of direct electrical detection of DNA using nanotechnology, according to the researchers. "What one could imagine," says study leader Charles M. Lieber, "is to go into your doctor's office, give a drop of blood from a pin prick on your finger, and within minutes, find out whether you have a particular virus, a genetic disease, or your risk for different diseases or drug interactions." With its high sensitivity, the sensor could detect diseases never before possible with conventional tests, he says. **Lieber predicts that an array of sensors can ultimately be configured to a handheld PDA–type device or small computer, allowing almost instant test results during a doctor's visit or possibly even at home by a patient.** It could potentially be used to screen for disease markers in any bodily fluid, including tears, urine, and saliva, he says. **The sensor also shows promise for early detection of bioterrorism threats, the researchers say.**
Source: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2003-12/acs-nc121603.php

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Government Sector

20. *December 16, Department of Homeland Security* — **Homeland Security and European Commission reach agreement on PNR data.** In an historic effort to keep the United States' and European Union's borders safer from terrorism and international crime while protecting travelers' privacy, **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Tom Ridge and European Commissioner Frits Bolkestein have reached an agreement regarding the legal transfer of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data to Homeland Security.** The agreement finds that Homeland Security's handling of the PNR data is sufficient for an "adequacy finding." "This determination by the European Commission enhances the Homeland Security

mission of fighting terrorism and crime while still ensuring that the privacy of travelers will be protected," said Ridge. "After a year of frank and earnest negotiations, this outcome shows the world that the United States and the European Union share the goals of keeping our people safe and our air travel network secure."

Source: http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/press_release/press_re lease_0322.xml

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *December 16, Firehouse.com* — Massachusetts firefighter's death raises training issues.

The death of Lancaster call firefighter Martin "Marty" McNamara V may bring new life to a forgotten proposal to make every firefighter pass a mandatory state training program. **"Fire service has progressed to the point where it is a science; it's not just running into a fire," said state Rep. Louis Kafka, a Sharon Democrat whose bill for uniform firefighter training has been withering in the Legislature for 11 months.** State law does not require about 40 percent of Massachusetts firefighters — the 8,000 or so civilians who serve their towns in a part-time or volunteer capacity — to participate in mandatory training, said Lawrence Holmberg, president-elect of the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association. "All training is local," Holmberg said. "It's handled by the chief and maybe more importantly by the select boards and mayors and city councils. There are states that have set standards. This state has not chosen to do it." Lancaster Deputy Fire Chief Sanford "Sean" Ford bristled at the suggestion McNamara died because of poor training.

Source: <http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?section Id=46&id=23255>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

22. *December 16, SearchSecurity.com* — Cost of virus cleanups goes up in Britain. Malicious code attacks are costing enterprises in the UK four times as much as they did in 2002, according to a recent study by Britain's Corporate IT Forum.

The forum, an organization of IT professionals from some of the UK's largest blue-chip companies, estimates that each incident costs an average of \$213,000 in man-hours and related costs. In contrast, a 2002 survey conducted by Britain's Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and PricewaterhouseCoopers put the per-incident price tag at \$52,000. Three quarters of the administrators recently surveyed reported an average of 365 man-hours lost. Of those, one-third reported an average of 3,080 man-hours lost. **The report determined that enterprises with sturdy incident-response teams and procedures suffered fewer malicious code outbreaks and were able to trim costs. Most infections, it was determined, came from systems integrated with business partners and contractors.**

Source: http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/originalContent/0,28914_2,sid14_gci941270,00.html

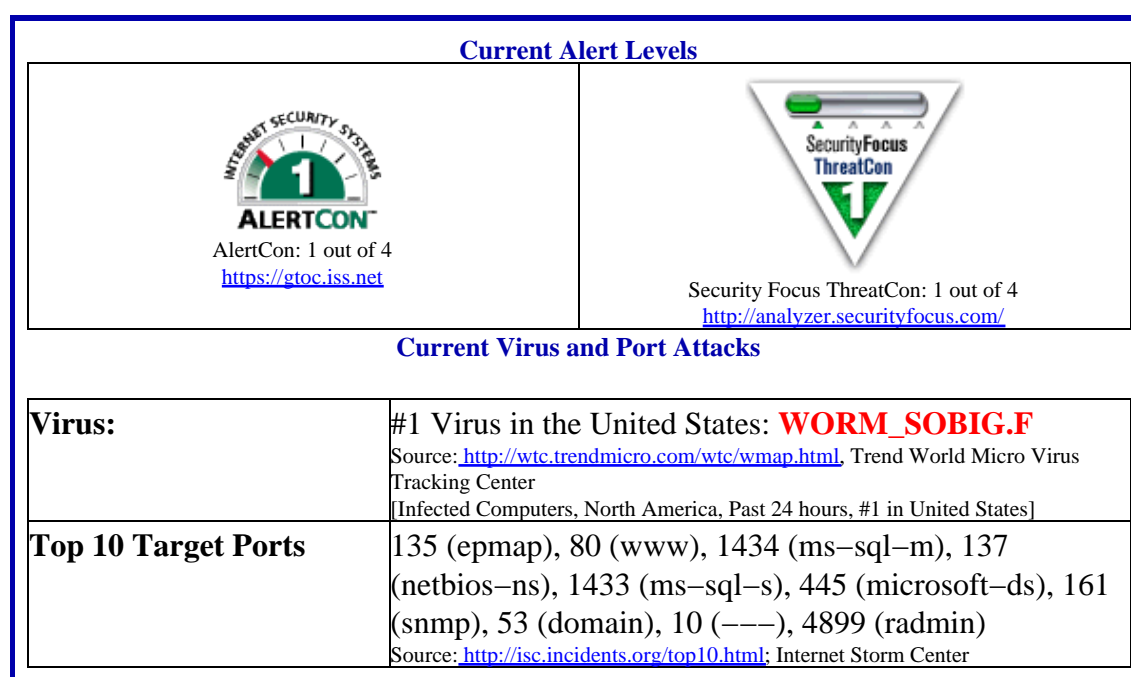
23. *December 16, Cyber Crimes Task Force of Central Ohio* — Cyber task force opens in Ohio.

The Central Ohio Cyber Task Force (CCTF) officially opened on on Monday, December 15.

The CCTF is a joint federal task force which investigates federal violations of cyber crime in central Ohio, and is the first of its kind in Ohio. The primary crime areas the CCTF investigates and is also willing to serve as a resource for local and state law enforcement agencies are those where a computer is the primary target or tool of a criminal subject to commit any of the following: computer network attacks and intrusions, particularly for all critical infrastructure, government and the Department of Defense servers/networks and for severe commercial losses; sexual exploitation of children; Internet fraud; and intellectual property rights. The CCTF is a cooperative effort of the FBI, U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Ohio State University Police Department, City Columbus Police Department, City of Grandview Police Department, and Ohio Attorney General's Office. It is also supported by the United States Attorney's Office and Southern District of Ohio Franklin County Prosecutor's Office.

Source: <http://www.cybercrimestaskforce.org/>

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General Sector

24. *December 16, Associated Press* — **Pakistan makes arrests in anti-terror drive. Pakistani police arrested 10 people suspected of links to the Taliban and al Qaeda in two nighttime raids near the capital, officials said Tuesday.** The detainees, some of them Afghans, were arrested late Monday in Rawalpindi, where assassins tried to kill Pakistan's military leader Sunday with a bomb. But a government statement said the arrests were unrelated to that attack. **The 10 were "involved in unlawful activities" and some weapons were seized, the statement said.** Pakistani intelligence agents were interrogating the detainees, an official with the Interior Ministry said. Also on Tuesday, police arrested a man who was found to be

carrying explosives as he boarded a train at the Jehangira station, about 60 miles northwest of Islamabad.

Source: <http://wvgazette.com/section/APNews/News/ap0503n>

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